

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on February 16, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): HB 438
HB 586
HB 591
HB 40
HB 548
HB 564

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 438

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Eggers

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 35 - 218}

EXHIBIT(fih38a01)

EXHIBIT(fih38a02)

EXHIBIT(fih38a03)

EXHIBIT(fih38a04)

EXHIBIT(fih38a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

Brian E. Lipscomb, Division Manager for Fish, Wildlife,
Recreation, and Conservation for the Confederated Salish and
Kootenai Tribes

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EXHIBIT(fih38a06)

EXHIBIT(fih38a07)

EXHIBIT(fih38a08)

Ira Newbreast, Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 289 - 345}

Donald Meyers, Chippawa Cree Tribe Fish and Game

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 350 - 385}

John Carter, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 388 - 442}

EXHIBIT(fih38a09)

George Ochenski, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 444 - 476}

EXHIBIT(fih38a10)

Opponents' Testimony:

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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continued on tape 1 side B}***

EXHIBIT(fih38a11)

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 567 - 856}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Eggers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 857 - 918}

HEARING ON HB 586

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Rick Dale

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 926 - 999}

Proponents' Testimony:

Glenna Obie, Jefferson County

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 6 - 49}

Michael Lane, Open Lands Board

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 50 - 67}

Bill Murdock, Chairman -Gallatin County Commission

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 70 - 88}

EXHIBIT(fih38a12)

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 93 - 141}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Rick Dale

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 142 - 160}

HEARING ON HB 591

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Matt Brainard

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 162 - 217}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lloyd Linden, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 225 - 250}

Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Force Association, Western Montana Fish and Game, Big Sky Practical Shooting Club

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 252 - 338}

Darrell Harris, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 340 - 491}

EXHIBIT(fih38a13)

EXHIBIT(fih38a14)

EXHIBIT(fih38a15)

EXHIBIT(fih38a16)

EXHIBIT(fih38a17)

EXHIBIT(fih38a18)

EXHIBIT(fih38a19)

Bobbie Rossignol, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 492 - 510; Comments : continued on tape 2 side B}

EXHIBIT(fih38a20)

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 513 - 516}

Rep. Bob Clark, House District 8

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 517 - 603}

Jay Sage, Self

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 606 - 617}

Opponents' Testimony:

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 624 - 712}

EXHIBIT(fih38a21)

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 714 - 732}

Informational Testimony:

Bill Fleiner, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 737 - 775}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 777 - 249; Comments : continued on tape 3 side A}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Matt Brainard
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 250 - 319}

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 327 - 347}

Proponents' Testimony:
Rep. Bob Raney, House District 26
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 349 - 403}

Opponents' Testimony:
Mick Robinson, Governor Marc Racicot
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 408 - 498}

Stan Meyer, Chairman Fish Wildlife and Parks Commission
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 502 - 550; Comments :
continued on tape 3 side B}***

John Munding, Montana Stockgrowers Association
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 552 - 562}

Jerry Wells, Montana Trout Unlimited
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 564 - 584}

Mr. Baleu
Walter Francis, Montana Bowhunters Association
EXHIBIT(fih38a22)

Kent Brown, Self
EXHIBIT(fih38a23)

Jim Weatherly, Montana Chapter Foundation
-for North American Wild Sheep
EXHIBIT(fih38a24)

Informational Testimony:
Joe Kermin, Secretary of State
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 587 - 610}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 612 - 742}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 743 - 786}

HEARING ON HB 548

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Raney
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 800 - 922}

Proponents' Testimony:

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 927 - 930}

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 940 - 20; Comments :
continued on tape 4 side A}

EXHIBIT(fih38a25)

Jerry Wells, Trout Unlimited
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 22 - 34}

Perry Heckenberg, Montana Wood Products Association
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 35 - 61}

Opponents' Testimony:

Leita Beardley, Self

EXHIBIT(fih38a26)

Informational Testimony:

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 65 - 93}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 94 - 195}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep Bob Raney
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 196 - 218}

HEARING ON HB 564

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Roger Sommerville
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 230 - 362}

Proponents' Testimony: NONE

Opponents' Testimony:

Bud Klinch, Director Natural Resources
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 369 - 399}

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 402 - 427}

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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continued on tape 4 side B}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep Roger Sommerville

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 690 - 714}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:05 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih38aad)